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Aurora Teagarden

Aurora Teagarden is a fictional character created by author Charlaine Harris. She is the protagonist of a series of eleven crime novels written from 1990 to 2017. In 2014, Hallmark Movies & Mysteries began broadcasting adaptations of the novels as an original film series entitled *The Aurora Teagarden Mysteries*, as part of their "Mystery Wheel" umbrella series[1] with Candace Cameron Bure in the title role.

In the first book of the series, twenty-eight-year-old Aurora (Roe) Teagarden is a professional librarian at the Lawrenceton Public Library and belongs to the Real Murders Club, a group of "True Crime" enthusiasts who gather monthly to study famous crimes from the history of their Georgia town.

Aurora Teagarden

Candace Cameron Bure as Aurora Teagarden

First appearance	*Real Murders*
Last appearance	*Sleep Like a Baby*
Created by	Charlaine Harris
Portrayed by	Candace Cameron Bure

Aurora Teagarden book series

1. *Real Murders* (1990)[2]
2. *A Bone to Pick* (1992)[3]
3. *Three Bedrooms, One Corpse* (1994)[4]
4. *The Julius House* (1995)[5]
5. *Dead over Heels* (1996)[6]
6. "Deeply Dead" in *Murder, They Wrote* (1997)[7]
7. *A Fool and His Honey* (1999)[8]
8. *Last Scene Alive* (2002)[9]
9. *Poppy Done to Death* (2003)[10]
10. *All the Little Liars* (2016)[11]
11. *Sleep Like a Baby* (2017)[12]

TV adaptation

On June 4, 2014, author Charlaine Harris announced on her Facebook page that the Aurora Teagarden books would be adapted into a series of two-hour films, starring Candace Cameron Bure[13] and would air on the Hallmark Movies and Mysteries Channel.[1][14] In April 2022, it was revealed that the series was likely over due to Bure moving to GAC Family with a new development deal there.[15]

Cast

- Candace Cameron Bure as Aurora "Roe" Teagarden, a librarian in the small town of Lawrenceton, Washington (unlike the Georgia location of the novels) who runs the Real Murders Club. Married Nick Miller in *Aurora Teagarden Til Death Do Us Part*. In *Honeymoon, Honeymurder* it is mentioned that her last name is now Miller.[16][17]
- Lexa Doig as Sally Allison, a reporter with the local newspaper, Aurora's best friend, and a member of the Real Murders Club[18][19]
- Marilu Henner as Aida Teagarden, the town's real estate agent and Aurora's mother who disapproves of her daughter's involvement in solving murders[20][21]
- Bruce Dawson as John Queensland, an active member of the Real Murders Club who shares Aurora's passion to solve murders and later starts dating Aurora's mother

- Miranda Frigon as Lynn Smith, a detective with the homicide division of the police force (later chief) who often finds Aurora annoyingly in the middle of her investigations
- Peter Benson as Arthur Smith, Roe's best friend and a detective with the burglary division of the police force who is married to Lynn Smith and briefly dated Aurora.
- Yannick Bisson as Martin Bartell, (introduced in *Three Bedrooms, One Corpse*) a former CIA agent who moves to town, falls in love with Aurora, and later dates her. Bisson left the series in 2018.[22][23]
- Niall Matter as Nick Miller, (introduced in *The Disappearing Game*) a college professor who lives opposite Aurora, and helps her with her investigations; Psychology Professor at College. Engaged to Roe as of *Heist and Seek*, married Roe in *Til death do us part*.[24]

Characters

- A dark gray cell indicates the character was not in the film.

Character	Title														
	A Bone To Pick	*Real Murders*	*Three Bedrooms, One Corpse*	*The Julius House*	*Dead Over Heels*	*A Bundle of Trouble*	*Last Scene Alive*	*Reap What You Sew*	*The Disappearing Game*	*A Game of Cat and Mouse*	*An Inheritance to Die For*	*A Very Foul Play*	*Heist and Seek*	*Reunited and It Feels So Deadly*	*How to Con a Con*
Aurora Teagarden Miller	Candace Cameron Bure														
Sally Allison	Lexa Doig							Lexa Doig							
Aida Teagarden	Marilu Henner														
John Queensland	Bruce Dawson														
Arthur Smith	Peter Benson														
Lynn Liggett-Smith	Miranda Frigon									Miranda Frigon					
Macon Turner	David Ingram			David Ingram				Dean Marshall							
LeMaster Cane	Daniel Bacon	Julian Christopher													
Lillian Tibbett	Ellie Harvie														
Captain Burns	Craig March														
Bubba Rankart	Dave Collette			Dave Collette				Dave Collette			Dave Collette				
Maisie Schlumper	Darla Fay							Darla Fay							
Robin Daniels		Robin Dunne					Robin Dunne								
Perry Dell		Scott Lyster					Scott Lyster								
Charlie Heard		Brad Harder			Brad Harder			Brad Harder							
Ted Allison			Fred Henderson								Fred Henderson				
Martin Bartell			Yannick Bisson												
Terry Sternholtz			Catherine Lough Haggquist		Catherine Lough Haggquist							Catherine Lough Haggquist			
Larry				Devon Alexander			Devon Alexander								
Jason Dell					Keenan Tracey		James Rittinger								
Lizzy Allison							Julia Benson			Julia Benson					
Nick Miller									Niall Matter						
Phillip Pifer									Dylan Sloane						
Davis Mettle										Cole Vigue					

List of television films

No.	Title	Directed by	Written by	Original air date
1	"*Aurora Teagarden Mystery: A Bone to Pick*"	Martin Wood	Charlaine Harris (novel), Teena Booth (teleplay)	April 4, 2015
Having inherited a large estate from a member of the now-defunct Real Murders Club, Aurora Teagarden is mystified by a mere acquaintance's gift of money, jewelry, and a two bedroom house with a skull hidden in the couch. Did the old lady kill someone and leave Aurora to solve the mystery or was she being framed? Aurora must figure it all out before her ex-boyfriend Arthur, the police detective, and her new love interest Aubrey, the episcopal priest, figure out what she's up to.				
2	"*Real Murders: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery*"	Martin Wood	Charlaine Harris (novel), Teena Booth (teleplay)	July 26, 2015
Local crime buffs meet monthly in the small town of Lawrenceton, Georgia to analyze famous murder cases. In this Real Murders Club, they get all too close a look as one of their members is bludgeoned in exactly the same manner as the crime to be discussed that night. Aurora Teagarden, the town librarian, is not only a member of the club, a suspect in the murder but also a potential victim as other murders follow – each mimicking a famous crime. Aurora must work quickly to discover which of her fellow sleuths is the killer.				
3	"*Three Bedrooms, One Corpse: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery*"	Lynne Stopkewich	Charlaine Harris (novel), Teena Booth (teleplay)	June 12, 2016

While Aurora Teagarden searches for her piece of the American dream, she decides to test the waters of the family business – real estate sales. Only thing is there's a dead body in the first house she shows to a businessman, Martin Bartell (Yannick Bisson) who is moving to town. When a second body shows up in another home, Aurora realizes there's more to the murders than she thought. Worried that the murderer could be one of the local real estate agents, Aurora recruits fellow Real Murders Club members John and Perry to help her with what turns into a case of art theft. She soon finds herself attracted to Martin who has also become a prime suspect on the police's list.				
4	"*The Julius House: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery*"	Terry Ingram	Charlaine Harris (novel), Teena Booth (teleplay)	August 16, 2016
Ever since she got a sizable inheritance from an acquaintance, Aurora has wanted to buy a house. Her mother, Aida Teagarden, is her real estate agent. Against Aida's advice, Aurora finds what she believes is the perfect house in the country, five miles outside of Lawrenceton. It is the infamous Julius House where the family of three (father, mother, and their teenage daughter) had disappeared into thin air four years ago. As she begins moving in, Aurora is drawn to the mysterious disappearance of the family and starts searching for clues in the house.				
5	"*Dead Over Heels: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery*"	Terry Ingram	Charlaine Harris (novel), Shelley Evans (teleplay)	March 19, 2017
Aurora and Captain Jack Burns never saw eye to eye but when he winds up murdered, she can't help but get involved despite being told by several people to stay away. The Captain's wife, Bess Burns (Leah Cairns) is suspiciously composed in the aftermath while new detective Pete Lambert (Jim Thorburn) thinks Martin is involved in Burns' death. Aurora finds Bess' sister and her colleague at the library, Lillian, attacked in the library and suspects that Captain Burns was on a case that got him murdered. As Aurora begins digging into the murder, her house is broken into and someone mysteriously leaves her flowers and then a kitten. Tensions also rise between Aurora and Martin as they near one year of being together. Meanwhile, Aurora tries to set up Sally with Tim Prentiss (Jeremy Guilbaut), Martin's colleague from the CIA who has recently moved to town.				
6	"*A Bundle of Trouble: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery*"	Kevin Fair	Charlaine Harris (novel), Teena Booth (teleplay)	May 21, 2017
Regina, the long-lost niece of Aurora's boyfriend, Martin, turns up with a baby. Before Martin has a chance to reconnect with Regina, she disappears leaving a dead husband, Craig, on Aurora's front porch and her baby, Hayden, hidden in Aurora's bathtub. Aurora and Martin's investigation leads them to Regina and Craig's home in the neighboring town of Corinth, where Craig's parents and Regina's neighbors express bewilderment when told of Regina's newborn baby. Aurora works on balancing her relationship with Martin with her efforts to solve the murder of the baby's father and the disappearance of his mother.				
7	"*Last Scene Alive: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery*"	Martin Wood	Charlaine Harris (novel), Teena Booth (teleplay)	January 7, 2018
Aurora's friend and mystery author, Robin Daniels, is back in town because his book is being made into a film. The lead character is based on Aurora herself, but the actress playing her, Celia Shaw, is found murdered in her trailer. Martin is suspicious of Robin who dated Celia Shaw briefly. Several others involved with the movie had their own problems with Celia. The plot thickens when the police find out that Celia was both poisoned and then clubbed since that made it obvious someone wanted to make sure she was dead. Meanwhile, since John moved away to be closer to his grandchildren, Aida gets friendly with the movie director. Another subplot has Martin preoccupied by the disappearance of his CIA partner, Rex, and leaves for South America at the end of the film to look for him.				
8	"*Reap What You Sew: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery*"	Terry Ingram	Charlaine Harris (novel), Teena Booth (teleplay)	April 15, 2018
When an old family friend, Poppy Wilson, returns to Lawrenceton, not everyone is happy. Poppy and her business partner Cara (Britt Irvin) are achieving new heights with their online venture but Poppy is found murdered. The list of suspects is long and includes Poppy's stepmother Nicole (April Telek) who she did not get along with, her boyfriend Dustin (Jesse Moss) who she had recently broken up with and Sally's cousin sister Lizzy (Julia Benson) who suspected Poppy was having an affair with her fiancé, Bubba Rankart (Dave Collette).				
9	"*Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: The Disappearing Game*"	Terry Ingram	Charlaine Harris (novel), Teena Booth (teleplay)	July 29, 2018
The disappearance of her cousin Phillip (Dylan Sloane) and his roommate, following the suspicious death of the roommate's girlfriend, spur Aurora on to investigate. As well as enlisting the help of her friends, she is also assisted by handsome college professor Nick Miller (Niall Matter), who has recently moved in across the street and teaches psychology at Philip's college.				
10	"*Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: A Game of Cat and Mouse*"	Mark Jean	Charlaine Harris (novel), Teena Booth (teleplay)	August 4, 2019
A break-in at the venue for a Real Murders Club meeting leads Aurora to investigate cryptic clues left at crime scenes. The clues are quotes from mystery novels and Aurora enlists the help of Professor Nick Miller and his colleague and friend Bree (Tammy Gillis), a forensic psychologist at the college. However, when those close to her are targeted, it seems murder may be the ultimate end, motivated by jealousy over her burgeoning relationship with Nick.				
11	"*Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: An Inheritance to Die For*"	Michael Robison	Charlaine Harris (novel), Jim Head (story), Teena Booth (story and teleplay)	August 11, 2019
Aurora investigates the apparent poisoning of Sally Allison's aunt and her mother's friend, Gladys McCourt (Karen Kruper) who is poisoned at Lizzy Allison and Bubba Rankart's wedding. Her latest will leads to several benefactors doubting its authenticity especially when a large part of her estate and her successful company are left to Aida and Gladys' son Caden (Preston Vanderslice) is left only a small fortune. Suspects range from disgruntled son Caden to the suspicious caretaker Tannis (Alison Araya) and Gladys' former personal chef Jeremy (Jason McKinnon) who inherits more than most family members. Meanwhile, Aurora and Nick face some questions about their growing relationship as he suspects Aurora might be trying to keep him at a distance.				
12	"*Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: A Very Foul Play*"	Martin Wood	Charlaine Harris (novel), Teena Booth & Michael Vickerman (teleplay), Michael Vickerman and Jim Head (story)	August 18, 2019
During a stage performance by Aurora and the Real Murders Club, an actual murder is committed in front of the live audience. With her cousin Phillip (Dylan Sloane) as the prime suspect, Aurora must investigate to clear his name.				
13	"*Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Heist and Seek*"[25]	Peter Benson[26]	Charlaine Harris (novel), Jim Head (story), Teena Booth (story and teleplay)	May 17, 2020
When a priceless crown is stolen during a benefit gala held by the Lawrenceton library, Aurora and the Real Murders Club must investigate who would kill to get their hands on it.				
14	"*Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Reunited and It Feels So Deadly*"[27]	Martin Wood	Charlaine Harris (novel), Jim Head (story), Teena Booth (story and teleplay)	October 18, 2020
Newly engaged, Aurora and Nick attend her 20-year high school reunion. When the former Prom King is found murdered, Aurora and the Real Mysteries Club work to solve the crime.				
15	"*Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: How to Con a Con*"[28]	Tony Dean Smith[26]	Charlaine Harris (novel), Teena Booth (teleplay)[26]	March 14, 2021
Still engaged, Aurora & Nick prepared for their wedding venues: cakes, church, & catering. Aurora comes to the rescue of her mother Aida. When one of Aida Teagarden's real estate clients is found murdered, Aurora and her fiancé, Nick, set out to solve the murder. After they discover that someone is operating an elaborate con artist scheme, Aurora, Nick and the members of the Real Murders Club go undercover in an operation to 'con a con' and solve the crime.				
16	"*Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Til Death Do Us Part*"[29]	Martin Wood[29]	Charlaine Harris (novel), Jim Head (story), Teena Booth (story and teleplay)	June 13, 2021
As Nick and Roe prepare for their wedding, a skull is found days before her wedding; when she finds out her father may be a suspect, Nick and Roe race against time to solve the case, before they walk down the aisle and say "I do"				
17	"*Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Honeymoon, Honeymurder*"[30]	Martin Wood[30]	Charlaine Harris (novel), Jim Head (story), Teena Booth (story and teleplay)	August 22, 2021

While on a "pre-honeymoon" getaway, Aurora and Nick discover a body, and as they get closer to finding out what really happened, danger knocks on their doorstep.				
18	"*Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Haunted by Murder*"[31]	Martin Wood[31]	Charlaine Harris (novel), Jim Head (story), Teena Booth (story and teleplay)	February 20, 2022
A murder investigation is reignited in a house that is considered haunted by the Lawrenceton locals and where years ago Aurora and Sally, as teenagers, discovered a body.				

Production and filming

The films in the series are shot largely in Vancouver, British Columbia, while the waterfall seen in the opening sequence of many of the films is Chequagua Falls in the village of Montour Falls, Schuyler County, New York.[32] And while the novels are set in the southeastern American state of Georgia, the TV-movies are set in the Pacific Northwestern state of Washington.

Broadcast

The films are broadcast in the United States on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries. Channel 5 took over the broadcast rights for the series in the UK.[33] Canada also airs the films on W Network, which acquired all the Hallmark Movies.

Awards

Til Death Do Us Part received two Canadian Screen Award nominations at the 10th Canadian Screen Awards in 2022, for Best Actress in a Television Movie (Bure) and Best Actor in a Television Movie (Matter).[34]

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